

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As one of the below named inventor(s), I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

I believe the named inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: GRAPHITE REINFORCED PYROLYTIC CARBON HEART VALVE PROSTHESIS AND METHOD, (Atty. Docket # CMI-428), the specification of which is attached hereto.

I believe I am the sole inventor of the subject matter claimed.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, SEC. 1.56(a).

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, with power of substitution:

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